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1. In late May the Chinese Communist 2 Air Squadron Headquarters was at Nanyuan (116-24, 39-48) Airfield. The commander was CHANG Ta-hsiang (張大祥) and the deputy commander was a man named P'EI (裴). The code designation of this squadron was "906", and it was formerly known as the P'ohai (渤海) Unit.
2. Attached to this squadron at Nanyuan Airfield are 12 Soviet pilots, 13 Soviet mechanics, 19 training planes, and a number of Soviet instructors. Approximately 200 Chinese Communist ground troops guard Nanyuan Airfield.
3. In February construction was completed at a new airfield four miles from Nanyuan. It is equipped with supply dumps, a hospital, a club house, and a cooperative store.

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4. In mid-June Ssup'ingchieh Airfield, Manchuria, was being enlarged to cover an additional two square miles and new barracks were being constructed near the field. A Soviet tank company was stationed in the airfield area.
5. In early June work on a trench along the side of Swatow Airfield was completed. It is approximately one yard wide and parallels the runway, to which it is equal in length. A number of anti-aircraft guns in the southwest area of the field fired approximately 12 rounds at Nationalist planes which flew over Swatow Airfield in early June.

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6. In early June the expansion of Mahsiang (118-14, 24-40) Airfield was completed. The field covers an area of approximately nine square miles and accommodates 3,000 Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) troops. Caves are being excavated in the mountains near Mahsiang for the storage of fuel and ammunition for this field.
7. On 21-23 June the following CCAF training missions were flown:
 - a. Nanking: on 21 June 4 fighters and 4 TU-2's, and on 23 June 17 bombers and 18 fighters, the fighters conducting communications exercises.
 - b. Saup'ingchieh: on 21 June one TU-2, piloted by CH'EN Chi-fa.
 - c. Tsingtao: on 21 June 9 MIG-15's and 2 YAK-17's; on the morning of 23 June a number of planes of the 48 Air Regiment, 16 Air Division; and on the afternoon of 23 June a number of planes of the 46 Air Regiment, 16 Air Division.
 - d. Shanghai: on 22 June one fighter and 13 bombers.
8. On 21-23 June the following Soviet Air Force activities took place:
 - a. On 21 June 23 MIG-15's flew training missions from Liaoyang under the direction of CHAO Ta-hai.
 - b. On 21 June 20 MIG-9's flew training missions under the direction of CH'EN Chi.
 - c. On 22 June 58 MIG-15's patrolled the Antung area during 2 air raid alerts at 5:40 a.m. and 9:35 a.m.
 - d. On 23 June 10 TU-2's were scheduled to fly from Voroshilov to the Port Arthur-Dairen area via Mukden.
9. On 24 June Lanchow Airfield was opened at 7:05 p.m., and Ch'engtu Airfield was closed at 6 a.m., opened at 6:48 a.m., and closed at 7 a.m. Nanking Airfield was closed at 5:54 a.m., when the ceiling in that area was about 50 feet. During the afternoon there were strong winds in the Peiping Airfield area.
10. On 24 June CCAF training missions were as follows:
 - a. Tsingtao: 25 planes at approximately 4:45 a.m.
 - b. Antung: 8 jets.
 - c. Yangts'un: at 5:10 a.m. an undetermined number of aircraft left on a non-stop flight to the Paoting (115-29, 38-52) area and back.
 - d. Liaoyang: 25 MIG-15's to Hsinopeiho (122-50, 41-22) via Hsinmen (122-48, 41-59), Liaochung (122-44, 41-32) and Suchiat'un (123-22, 41-23), and then back to Liaoyang, flying at altitudes of 25,000 - 40,000 feet.
11. On 24 June the following CCAF flights left Peiping: at 5:16 a.m. YAK-12 Number 11 left for Mukden, and at 5:26 a.m. YAK-12 Number 38 left for Antung.
12. On 24 June at 8:36 a.m. YAK-12 Number 31 arrived at Mukden, and at 5:20 p.m. transport Number 8012 arrived at Hankow from Ch'engtu.

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Comment. See [REDACTED] and references, for recent information on flights from airfields in Communist China.

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